(g) Copy of the resolution passed by the Panchayat at its meeting held on 20th Meenam 1107 is appended (*Appendix II*).

(h) Yes.

(k) Yes.

(l) No.

(m) A well with bath rooms and pumping arrangements will be a more hygienic and sanitary arrangement than a tank in which all people bathe promiscuously.

The Nedungad Bridge.

28. Mr. Paul Mampilli.— Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) have not the Government decided to construct a bridge at Nedungad ;

(2) if so, have the Government fixed up any site for the bridge ;

(3) what is the length of Nedungad ;

(4) if no site has been fixed up, how many sites have been proposed ;

(5) how many houses are there in Nedungad to the south and to the north of the proposed sites ;

(6) what would be the cost of constructing the bridge at the sites proposed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Government consider that the bridge is desirable.

(2) The question of site is under consideration.

(3) About 3 miles.

(4) Four.

(5) No information available.

(6) About Rs. 7,000.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(5). Is not the information necessary for fixing the site of the bridge ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is one of the considerations, but it was not thought necessary to go into an accurate list of the number of houses in the different sections of that island.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is that not the most important consideration ?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the cost of the bridge be the same ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, almost the same.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Has the Chief Engineer recommended any particular site for the bridge ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There was some discussion on the question of site and the Chief Engineer has submitted certain alternative proposals.

29. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether the Government have any intention to construct a bridge at Nedungad, at a central place, the bridge being primarily for the use and convenience of the people of Nedungad ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The matter is under consideration.

Catching of elephants.

30. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of elephants caught in the Government Koppams in each of the last 10 years;

(2) the amount spent for the purpose each year;

(3) the amount realised by the sale of elephants each year?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(1) The system of capturing elephants in Koppams is not in vogue here. Elephants are, however, captured in pits and the number so caught for the last 10 years is given below:—

Year.	No. of elephants.
1097	7
1098	5
1099	5
1100	7
1101	11
1102	6
1103	1
1104	4
1105	3
1106	11

(2) The amount spent for elephant capturing operations is given below:—

Year.	Amount. Rs.	As.	Ps.
1097	8,251	14	11
1098	7,226	0	10
1099	6,328	1	10
1100	9,586	6	4

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